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TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1920.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the
22nd day of January, 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS under section two of the New Ministries and Secretaries Act, 1916, provision is made (amongst other things) for conferring on the Minister of Labour such powers and duties of any Government Department relating to labour or industry as His Majesty may by Order in Council transfer to the Minister:

And whereas by section thirteen of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1918, it is provided that the power of making regulations under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, as amended by any subsequent enactments, shall include power to make regulations authorizing the Commissioners of Works to take possession of any land (including any buildings thereon) which the Minister may certify to be required for the purposes of carrying into effect the Naval and Military War Pensions &c. Act, 1915:

And whereas by virtue of the powers so conferred provision was made by Regulation 2A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations for

enabling the Commissioners of Works to take possession of any land certified to be required as aforesaid:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 8th day of May, 1919, provision was made for the transference to the Minister of Labour of certain powers of the Minister of Pensions under section 3 (1) (j) of the Naval and Military War Pensions &c. Act, 1915, as subsequently amended, relating to the training and employment of disabled officers (including nurses) and men after they have left the service:

And whereas it is expedient to transfer to the Minister of Labour the powers of the Minister of Pensions in relation to taking possession of land for the purposes of the powers formerly exercised by the Minister of Pensions under the said section 3 (1) (j):

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

(1) The power of certifying that land is required for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions &c. Act, 1915, which power is conferred upon the Minister of Pensions by regulation 2A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, made under section thirteen of the War